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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8440

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 6507

DEPT FOR SY/T, ADDIS FOR RTC

FOR FISCHER FROM DOIG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF TSO PRETORIA POSITION

1. DISCUSSED TRANSFER OF TSO PRETORIA POSITION TO ADDIS ABABA WITH AMBASSADOR HURD 7/30/74. EXNLAINED SY/T'S POSITION AND REASONS FOR SUGGESTING RELOCATION.
2. AMBASSADOR HURD STATED HE DOES NOT OPPOSE MOVE BUT SUGGESTED WE CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE OF ENLARGING PRETORIA'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN AN ATTEMPT TO MORE EFFICIENTLY UTILIZE TSO'S TIME. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF INSTABILITIES IN ETHIOPIA AT PRESENT TIME, TSOS BASED THERE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL DUE TO AIRPORT CLOSURES.
3. WE DISCUSSED TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM SUGGESTED IN RSO GLENN'S LETTER TO KNANF DATED 4/17/74. AMBASSADOR HURD STATED THE POTENTIAL OF AIRLINE SERVICE SUSPENSION TO S. AFRICA IS REMOTE AND PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE OF PRIME CONCERN IN DECISION TO RELOCATE. AMBASSADOR ALSO STATED IT PROBABLY WILL BE POSSIBLE TO RE-ESTABLISH PRETORIA TSO POSITION IN FUTURE SHOULD TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS DEVELOP.
4. IF SY STILL INTERESTED IN RELOCATING TSO PRETORIA TO RTC ADDIS, SUGGEST ALL CONCERNED BE INFORMED ASAP IN VIEW OF SHORT

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TIME BEFORE REGAN SCHEDULED TRANSFER.

5. MEMO ON DISCUSSION WNTN AMBASSADOR HURD AND BACKUP MATERIAL
WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER DOIGS RETURN TO ADDIS APPROX 8/8/4.
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